

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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ILLEGAL SAND MINING IN YAMUNA  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether illegal sand mining on large scale is being carried out in Yamuna river-bed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith ecological and environmental effects thereof;
- (c) whether pilferage of sand by mechanized mining machines in Yamuna river has resulted in change of course of the river that can be catastrophic; and
- (d) if so, steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.